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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(a)-(b) applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (**Exhibit A**) and are attached hereto:

1. Japanese Publication No. 11-204280, published July 30, 1989 (**Exhibit 1**); and
2. Japanese Publication No. 2001-160497, published June 12, 2001 (**Exhibit 2**).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i), applicant hereby attaches as **Exhibit B**, a concise statement of relevance of Japanese Publication Nos. 11-204280 (**Exhibit 1**) and 2001-160497 (**Exhibit 2**).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being concurrently submitted with the above-identified application.

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